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The Church of God Evangel

ALL NATIONS MATT. 28:19

EVERY CREATURE MARK. 16:15

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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The Ten Virgins

By the Editor

By request I am writing on Matt. 25: 1-12. So many people fail to understand these sayings of Jesus. I have given the subject a close study and I feel that God has helped me to understand the meaning of these sayings.

In running the references to every verse carefully, I thought I would comment on each verse.

v. 1, *"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom."*

The Syriac Version says, "Then may the kingdom of heaven be shadowed forth by ten virgins." The thought we want to comment on in this verse is the meaning of the word "virgin." Webster says the word means to be chaste, pure, and undefiled. Crudens Concordance says "virgin" is often used in scripture for a people, a city, a nation. The professors of religion in general are called virgins, such as are not defiled with any scandalous sin, nor any erroneous opinion. In the above scripture they are all called virgins because they made profession of holiness. Five made a profession, but had not the full experience that God intended for them to have. The character of virgins is principally given to those that adhere stedfastly to Christ, and abhor every thing that has any show of violating their fidelity to Him.

The word "virgin" in this case is in the neuter gender and means male and female or all those who profess Christianity. In speaking of angels, the word "virgin" would apply and it would be in the neuter gender because there is no sex ascribed to angels.

v. 2, *"And five of them were wise, and five were foolish."*

In this verse these virgins are called wise and foolish but they are all still called virgins. The wise are termed wise because they had accepted the whole truth of God and had made preparation to meet Him. The foolish are termed foolish because they had not complied with all the demands made upon them by the Word of God. The reference to the wise virgins is found in Matt. 7:24, 25, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock." This man is wise because he built his house upon a rock. That rock represents Christ, and of course, His teachings. This building could stand the storms of persecution and the floods of criticism that might come from those who oppose the whole truth. The builder was careful to include in his structure everything to make his house strong. You will not be able to stand the trials and persecutions if you leave out any part of the experience that He said you should have.

The reference to the foolish virgins is Matt. 7:26, 27, "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." This man built his house upon the sand. The first thing that was wrong was the foundation. Then, in my judgment, he ignored some of the great truths of God, and this weakened his house because it is not wise to ignore any of the truth. He couldn't be classed as an unbeliever or sinner because he had built a house. I can't understand how men who claim such faith and power will deny some of the very blessings that the Bible makes plain we should have.

Another reference given for the foolish is Luke 12:20, 21. This refers to the rich man who had failed to accept the Lord and His truth. Of course, he was lost. We do not think that this has direct reference to the virgins because this man failed to accept God and made his treasure of earthly things and was not classed as a Christian, but, he is foolish.

The third reference given for the fool-

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Notices

The Nashville, Tenn. district convention will convene at the East Nashville church, corner Berry and Meridian Sts., Feb. 25-27, 1938.—W. H. Maxwell, district pastor.

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To whom it may concern: My address has been changed from 3615 Orchie Ave., to 3594 Kinnreck Ave., Memphis, Tenn. —W. F. Willis.

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To my friends, my address is Sampson, Ky. as I have been appointed pastor of the Martin Fork church. It is in the mountains of Harlan county, twelve miles from Harlan, Ky. and about four miles from Rose Hill, Va. Any Church of God preacher or evangelist who would like to come, we would like to have you. —Yours for the cause of Christ, George L. Cravens, pastor.

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To the Church of God in Kentucky: As some of us brethren know the condition of Brother McClendon, our state overseer, and know he is having some heavy expenses and financial conditions are very low, we are asking all the district overseers and pastors to please take up a special offering for our overseer and send to him. Let's set the day for the fourth Sunday in February, the 27th. —Signed, B. H. Enix, Sam Holcomb, T. M. Basham.

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There will be a home coming at Shepherds Fold Church of God, seven miles north of Covington, La., Feb. 20. We invite all the neighboring churches to come over and be with us that day. There will be dinner on the ground, so bring a well-filled basket.—O. L. McManus, pastor, Lee Road, Covington, La.

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To whom it may concern: I take this method of telling you that Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wolff of Pine River, Minn. are no longer members of the Church of God, also that Sister Beulah Isaacson of Herman, Minn. is no longer a minister in the Church of God.—Yours in His service, H. E. Ramsey, state overseer, Box 382, Fergus Falls, Minn.

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The Illinois Church of God state convention will convene at the Church of God in Eldorado, Ill., March 17-20, beginning on the evening of the 17th and closing the evening of the 20th. We are expecting a large attendance and those attending the convention will be furnished a bed and breakfast free as far as possible, but remember you will be expected to buy your dinner and supper if you want any. There will be a lunch stand on the grounds. Please do not come five or six in a group all expecting to stay in one home or at the same place. It will be well for you to bring some quilts and blankets with you as this will help the entertainment committee, and help you if it should be cold and you should sleep in a place where you have little heat.

We are expecting our General Overseer or Assistant General Overseer to be present and trust they will both be able to be with us. A special broadcast will be on the air over WEBQ, Harrisburg, Ill., Friday night from 10:30 to 11:15. This is the night of March 18. Tune in for a message from the General Overseer at this hour.—J. R. Thomas, state overseer.

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The date for the state convention of Nebraska is Feb. 11-14. Brother Johnson will be with us at this time.—Humbly, J. A. Cross, state overseer, Omaha, Nebr.

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We are in a revival at Lenoir City, Tenn. with Brother G. W. Hodges in charge. Please pray that God will give us a good revival.—B. F. Cooper, pastor, Lenoir City, Tenn.

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The Paris, Tex. district convention will convene at Paris, Tex., Feb. 25-27. We are expecting a good representation and report from each church on this district. Brother H. N. Scoggins, state overseer, will preside over the convention. Pastors, take up a special mission offering at your churches and bring same to the convention. Be prompt to raise your mission quota each month and strive to raise the aged ministers' fund before the convention. We invite the brethren from other districts. Come praying and expecting a wonderful convention. — Your brother in Christ, Rome Brous, district pastor, 349 W. Austin St., Paris, Tex.

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MORRISTOWN, TENN OVER THE TOP

Morristown sent in a check for their 35c per member on the state parsonage in full the other day. Brother W. A. Walker is pastor there. Wonder who will be next?—M. P. Cross, overseer of Tennessee.

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We are in a revival at Bowling Green, Ky. with Brother D. C. Rayhill doing the preaching. Please pray for us that God will bless.—E. W. Carden, pastor, Bowling Green, Ky.

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There is a revival in progress at the Church of God at Parkersburg, W. Va. with Sister Nettie Richards doing the preaching. We are trying to establish a church on the south side of this city, we have a mission there now. Please pray that God will undertake.—S. B. McCane, pastor and district overseer, 505 19th St., Parkersburg, W. Va.

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We are in a revival at Piedmont, Ala. Those wishing to write us may do so by addressing your mail to Piedmont, Ala., Gen. Del. We are in the general evangelistic work, so we ask an interest in your prayers.—C. E. Richard.

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To the clerks and pastors in West Virginia: We wish to call the attention of the clerks and pastors to the change of the state mission treasurer. Many clerks are still sending their mission money to A. T. Little. Please send all mission money to H. D. Statum, Box 1547, Beckley, W. Va. This change was effected since the General Assembly. We wish to say for Brother Little, the former treasurer, that his work as a board member of state missions and also as treasurer was highly satisfactory. We deemed a change beneficial in treasurer only due to the fact that we wished to retain the mission treasury at Beckley, W. Va. as we plan the state headquarters there.

PASTORS

Some pastors are negiectful of the mission money. Please let us be faithful to the mission cause, raise your quota and even more wouldn't hurt. Don't wait until the end of the month to raise your mission quota, raise part of it each Sunday along with your orphanage offering, then finish your quota the last Sunday in the month.—Faithfully, E. C. Clark, state overseer of West Virginia.

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The ten blankets that were listed in the orphanage report (miscellaneous) with no name to them, came from the Church of God at Langley, S. C.—N. B. Osban, pastor.

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To the Y. P. E. of Florida: We are beginning a drive to place a Gideon in every Y. P. E. in Florida, so drop me a card giving name and address of Gideon if you already have one. If not, select some one at once and order your roll of Pathways. We have a new Y. P. E. organized at Bushnell, Hudson and Sebring, also some more to be organized in the near future. Come on, Florida young people, let us win the national Y. P. E. banner that our General Overseer called our attention to in the January 22 issue of the Evangel.—Woodrow C. Byrd, asst. Y. P. E. president of Florida.

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We are in a revival at Nolan, W. Va. Pray that God will give us a great revival here. Brother W. B. Branham is doing the preaching.—Your brother in Christ, Richard Hensley, clerk, Nolan, W. Va.

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Twenty Signs of the Coming of Our Lord

Fulfilled Before Our Eyes

W. T. NELSON

Matt. 24:34, *"Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled."*

Now if we began reading at the first verse and read all the way through we would find that He was referring to the people described in this chapter, that would be living during the time of the fulfilling of these things mentioned in this chapter.

Sign No. 1, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever," Dan. 12:3. Never before has there been such an increase of knowledge as there is today, and indeed we find this first sign fulfilled about us—automobile, airplane, telephoto, great inventions too numerous to mention.

Sign No. 2, "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased," Dan. 12:4. The latter part of this verse is certainly being fulfilled today. People are running to and fro and statistics show that $7,000,000,000 is being spent yearly by tourist and people traveling about in the United States.

Sign No. 3, "The chariots (automobiles) shall rage in the streets, they shall justle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings," Nahum 2:4. This is certainly being fulfilled today. These are the days when the speed of the automobile is being increased, and it is certainly true that they run like lightning and they seem like torches upon the highways of our country. It was recently announced that there was an average of twenty-two automobiles for every one hundred families in America. Never has such speed been known. There are cars (racing cars) that will make 250 miles an hour. This sign is being fulfilled every day.

Sign No. 4, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." 2 Timothy 4:3, 4. This is the day when professors have a firm dislike for the truth.

Sign No. 5, "And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables," 2 Tim. 4:4. The day is here when people had rather have teachers who will "tickle their ears" rather than ones that will tell them God's truth. If ever there was a day when we need sound doctrine it is today.

Sign No. 6, "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy," 2 Timothy 3:2. Today more than ever is this sign being fulfilled when men are forgetting their fellow man and becoming lovers of themselves.

Sign No. 7, disobedience of children, which is also included in the verse we have just quoted, 2 Tim. 3:2. Boys and girls, don't ever be guilty of telling mother and dad a lie. I thank God that there are some young people who are living for God. Don't be disobedient to mother and dad. They love you and always will love you.

Sign No. 8, "Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good," 2 Tim. 3:3. There are so many in the world today without natural affection. Some women had rather nurse a poodle dog than a baby.

Sign No. 9, "Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." 2 Timothy 3:4. Therefore, you that attend the picture shows and other places of worldly amusement prove that you are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. A government report shows that in the year 1933 over $1,000,000,800 was spent for picture shows in this United States of ours. Think of that! My God help us!

Sign No. 10, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away," 2 Timothy 3:5. This is one of the outstanding signs being fulfilled today. There are many who try to put on a form of godliness but deny the power. They are really ashamed of the real power of God. Friends, let us get away from forms and get closer to God. This is not my personal opinion about the matter. It is not just what I say about it, but I appeal to you to read your own Bible and take the Word of God, for it will stand forever. It is a time when we need to keep the Word of God in our hearts and accept more of the real power of God in our everyday life. Read Rom. 14:17; 1 Cor. 4:20; Acts 1:8.

Sign No. 11, "Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils," 1 Timothy 4:1. The fulfillment of this sign is one reason why we need the Holy Ghost so that it may lead and guide us in the right way. This sign is also being fulfilled. There was never a day when so many, many people are departing from the faith. My friend, as for me I do not want to try to get along without the Holy Ghost, I would not be without His sweet presence in my life.

Sign No. 12, "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark," St. Matthew 24:37, 38. As it was in the days of Noah, so it is today. The imaginations of the hearts of the people are evil continually—this is proven by things that appear on the billboards along our highways, the newspapers, and magazines— you know what I mean, pictures that suggest lust and vice and all manner of sin. Also on the highways where they can be easily seen and easily found are the swimming pools. The best thing for God's people to do is to stay just as far away from such things as they possibly can so they will not become entangled with the devil's tactics. As in the days of Noah, so also is it today—the day of the coming of the Son of man. The mothers of today that allow their daughters to wear those ungodly slacks and a handkerchief about their chest will some day soon have daughters who have no virtue. They may think just because daughter is only sixteen or eighteen that it is all right. But, my friend, it is time you were waking up and teaching your daughter the path of virtue and right. There was once a young girl about sixteen who attended our meetings and would stand near the back of the church. Her mother, who lived near the church, would allow her to come with only a pair of slacks and a thin sweater on. But, my friend, not very long after that this young girl was riding with a girl friend on a bicycle. They were coming out of a side street into a main boulevard and were instantly crushed by a speeding automobile. The other day I walked into a newsstand to buy a magazine. I noticed on the cover of one magazine a girl very scarcely and scantily covered, lying in the sand and writing the words "Merry Xmas" in the sand. I thought, My God! she doesn't know what a merry Christmas is.

Sign No. 13, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the

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Editorials

WORD FROM WEST VIRGINIA

We have recently received a letter from Brother E. C. Clark, overseer of West Virginia and former Editor and Publisher, stating that they have had many fine revivals in the state. From this we see that West Virginia is moving forward.

We have had reports from many other states and it seems that the revival spirit is spreading.

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A VISIT TO PRATT CITY, ALA.

The Editor spent the week end in Pratt City. Many people came in from a distance and the Lord surely did bless us. Brother Harwood is leading quite a campaign against the enemy in that section. We talked over the radio for Brother Frank Johnson Sunday morning and talked three times at the church during the day, then talked over the radio Monday morning at 5:30. We certainly did enjoy the presence and power of God and the association of these good saints. Brother Whittington is making a tour of Alabama and seems to be putting enthusiasm into the work.

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REVIVAL IN CLEVELAND

The local church at Cleveland and the Bible School are in a revival at present. The meeting began Sunday night, January 30, and is to continue two weeks. The preaching is being done by the students. We have had some good services. A goodly number are in the altar and souls are being blessed.

We feel that it is a time when all loyal people should rally to their church and pray through to victory. The powers of darkness are increasing and there is a great need for a closer walk with God. Possibly every one feels the need of more of His love and power and we, especially at Cleveland, feel that a revival is very necessary. We earnestly request that God will have His way with His people.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

A Son—in Affection

2. Tim. 2:1, "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

Here Paul is admonishing Timothy to be strong in the Lord. Of course grace means favor with God. He means to tell Timothy that if he will be faithful God will bless him. Just to have God's favors is a great blessing. Timothy was surrounded by false teachings and those who professed godliness were arrayed against the workers of the Church and Paul is telling him to renew his strength and stand for the principles and great truths that he had taught him. All our help must come from God and to be strong in the Lord in the truest sense of the word means much.

A Steward—in Faithfulness

v. 2, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

Paul is admonishing Timothy to strictly adhere to the things he had taught him and he was also to teach others. He says there were many witnesses to his instructions. Timothy must be careful in his selection of helpers and strictly commit this faith to those who would be true to the trust committed to them. It is quite a pleasure to meditate on these epistles and note that these men were to give themselves over to the teachings of Christ and they were to lead the people in the ways of holiness and truth.

A Soldier—In Endurance

v. 3, "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

Paul compares the work to that of a soldier and warns Timothy to lay aside every thing and give himself wholly to the work of God. He is not to depend on earthly things, but is to give all of his time and attention to the care of the church and the salvation of the lost. This is the only way to please the Lord who has called us to be His soldiers. There is much affliction and hardships to be endured, but as a general rule but few are willing to endure hardness. If full support and ample provision is not made they are ready to leave and complain, but no good soldier will desert his post at such a time. It is the hardships that come to a minister that qualifies him for a good guide and I have wondered sometimes if the Lord didn't permit hardships and afflictions to come in order to train His workmen for the battle that is just ahead.

A Workman—in Diligence

v. 15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Paul's admonition to Timothy to thoroughly prepare himself for work by study, is certainly an admonition that no one can pass up lightly. In every avocation of life men who have made a success have applied themselves and made preparation for the work they were to do. We, as ministers and members of the Church of God should study and be able to rightly divide the Word of truth. We are meeting so many theories and doctrines in our day, especially are men preaching over the radio who know nothing more than being born again, and many of them do not have that experience. It looks as though we are not trying to meet these arguments and put out the truth as we should. My heart goes out to the lost and dying world for I know they need the truth, so let us be diligent and study until we can present the truth as God's Word gives it.

God is Helping Us

COCOA, Fla.—I thank and praise the Lord for good, old-time victory in my soul, for the many good blessings we are receiving. I feel more encouraged to serve my Savior than ever before.

I thank God for answering prayer. We also thank Him for our humble pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Harold Beasley. There are only a few of us but Jesus is here with us. Bless His name. Brother Beasley is doing a good work here. There has been a $250.00 debt hanging over the church for four years or more. Since the Lord sent Brother Beasley here in November the Dorcas Circle has raised $46.00 up until Jan. 9 on our $50.00 goal to meet a note Jan. 15. Of course, God gets all the glory. We have a good spirit among us. God is still saving. Two have been saved and three filled with the Holy Ghost since we have been here. Praise the Lord for all of it. Pray saints, that God will send us an old-time revival here. People are interested. Pray for me that I will do what the Lord would have me do.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. Bill Young.

The PERRY-SCOPE

TREASURES—NEW AND OLD FROM FAR AND NEAR

Conducted by SAM C. PERRY, 52 N. W. 35th St., Miami, Fla.

What Can I Do To Be Saved?

The Philippian jailer asked, "What must I do to be saved?" but we are asking, "What can a sinner do, or what can we do to be saved?"

1. We can forsake sin and this we will do when we see its consequences. No man with a clear view of sin will continue its practice. Only those who are blind to its evil and awful effects will continue in it. Jesus said men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. So they sin of their own choice.

2. We can believe on the Lord Jesus Christ if we will and this we must do if we are ever saved. While we preach of sin and its awful destruction in the world and in individuals, Jesus is the only Savior offered to sinners. He gave Himself freely to die on the cross for the sins of the whole world and every one who wills to do so, may look to Him to be saved.

3. We can take up our cross and follow Jesus. This would be to espouse His cause and live as He has directed all who would be saved. All who live the Christian life and travel the road toward heaven follow Jesus daily. The man who shall be ready for the coming of the Lord and prepared to share the glory that shall then be revealed is the man who lives soberly, righteously and godly in this present world (Titus 2:12). We can bear our cross and follow Jesus, we can live the Christian life here and now. Not to do so means that we do not belong to Jesus, are on the wrong track and are not saved but lost.

4. We may take freely of the water of life. Here is the invitation, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely," Rev. 22:17. As it was in the days of Jesus so it is today. "Many are called but few are chosen." They could come to Christ and be saved, but they do not because they love darkness rather than light.

The fundamental of fundamentals—the Bible is the Word of God.

Grace is not a license to commit sin. "How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein?" "For sin shall not have dominion over you." Rom. 6.

Heart searching is a serious and worth while business. It might include "Where is my faith?" and "What have I?"

When the Israelites were defeated at Ai they hastened to do what they might have done before — searched out the Achan and got rid of him.

Knowledge often exceeds grace; but communion with God and humility go together—if the one be lacking, so will the other.

I Met the Master

I had walked life's way with an easy tread,
Had followed where comforts and pleasures led,
Until one day, in a quiet place
I met the Master face to face.

With station and rank and wealth for my goal,
Much thought for my body, but none for my soul,
I had entered to win in life's big race,
When I met the Master face to face.

I met Him and knew Him, and blushed to see
That His eyes full of sorrow, were fixed on me.
I faltered and fell at His feet that day,
While my castles melted and vanished away;
Melted and vanished, and in their place
Naught else did I see but the Master's face.

And I cried aloud, "Oh make me meet
To follow the steps of thy wounded feet."
My thought is now for the souls of men,
I have lost my life, to find it again.
E'er since one day in a quiet place,
I met the Master face to face.

—*Sel.*

God says, "I dwell in the high and holy place; with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit." (Isa. 57:15.) We do not glorify God so much by what we do as by what we are.

Humility is the place of safety. Shall sorrow, trials or disappointments come, there will be blessing, through the continuance of faith and obedience.

Young People's Corner

An Unbridled Tongue

Here are some of the marks of an unbridled tongue:

1. Excessive conversation. "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin, but he that refraineth his lips is wise."

2. Exaggerated discourse. "But let your communication be yea, yea; nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil."

3. Gossip. "A prating fool shall fall."

4. Foolish talking and jesting. "Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient, but rather giving of thanks."

5. Controversy. "Doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings," etc.

6. Backbiting or slander. "Speak evil of no man." "To be no brawler." "Speak not evil one of another, brethren."

7. Idle words, "But I say unto you, that for every idle word that men shall speak they shall give an account in the day of judgment."

8. Lying. "And all liars shall have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone."

9. A religion that does not bridle the tongue is a vain delusion. His heart is deceived, his profession is worthless. "If any man among you seemeth to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor." From the above we see that the government of the tongue is placed among the things essential to our gaining heaven.—*From Shining Lights.*

There is a kind of viper that hides its teeth in its gums—it is hard to detect them. You might consider them harmless. But provoke the viper, its teeth are seen instantly, protruding in battle array. And so is the carnal mind the world over.

"My faith brightened in the night of trial, as a star in the darkest night. The stars you noticed the other night were all the brighter for the blackness that lay upon the ground below. It was so with my faith and I am persuaded with yours also."

News from the Mission Field

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

NEWS FROM GERMANY

Krehwinkel Schorndorf,
Wuerttbg, Germany.

We have been over here a little over a year and are looking back at what has been done. We have one church set in order though the fight was hard and is still so, but our labor in the Lord was not in vain. We have some very nice people and the number is increasing. Also, they are tithing faithfully.

Since the latter part of August we started another work, some twenty-four miles from the first. This is a work dug right out of the world and some twenty enjoy real Bible salvation. They get saved in our meetings, also other people who are saved are coming and the meetings are getting better all the time. Some have been sanctified and are seeking God for the Holy Spirit. It takes a while over here to get the people down on the fundamentals of the truth of God's Word, while all hell is moving against us. The deeper things of truth are not taught.

They have revival meetings as we used to, but the Lord is not in it. Conversions are a seldom fact. They have grieved God's Holy Spirit. Oh, what a need! The harvest is great but the laborers are few. In this new town we are working now two whole families are turning to their God and the town is taking notice. What a change when Jesus moves in the heart of a sin-bound people. Faces that once were sad looking are now shining with the glory of God. We thank the Lord that He trusts us with His Word; indeed we feel unworthy. The fight is hard, but we feel that we are in God's will. Praise His name!—Faithfully yours for the Church of God, Brother and Sister Lauster.

Stuttgart-Muenster, Germany

It is the desire of my heart to thank the beloved brethren and sisters in America heartily for making it possible that Brother Lauster and family could come to us in Germany.

I came in the latter part of August to Familie Sonder for a visit and wanted to stay a few days, but the Lord meant different with me. Right on the first evening the Church of God had a meeting in the house of Brother and Sister Sonder. Soon I found out that Brother Lauster had something I had found nowhere and for which I was longing all my life.

Sister Sonder told me the next day so much of all that they have witnessed in the last months in the Church of God. She also told me with much joy what blessed days they had when Brother Ingram was here and about the time they all got baptized in the river. I could not hear enough of all these things. On the following day, as I was reading my Bible in Romans 6:3 the Lord was talking to me especially. I never heard anybody preach on water baptism but this word told me if I would be obedient I would have to be baptized. On the following Sunday was meeting again and after the meeting I told Brother Lauster about it and he was glad. Two days later, August 30, he baptized me. That great day I will never forget; the joy in my heart I cannot tell, but I was still hungry and asked Brother Lauster to lead me in these Biblical truths. The next point that came for me in question was sanctification. How he taught that was all new to me, but I was so thankful for every word he said, and got hungry for it. I could trust all my needs with him and he was a real shepherd to me.

How thankful I am for all these I am unable to tell. Now I had to learn to seek the Lord for sanctification. I said again and again, "I cannot go home without it," and prayed and fasted. In the meantime I had the privilege of witnessing how the church was set in order. It was all new to me, but thanks for all this grace. After being here two and a half weeks my traveling day was set, but I was not sanctified yet. The evening before I was to travel I was alone in my room on my knees and suddenly the power came from on high and went all through me and felt great joy. Since that time there is something I never had before and I'm so glad in the Lord. I am still hungry for the fullness of God's Holy Spirit and believe that it will not be long until He will fill me. The days that I can be here are days of blessing and I feel protected in the Church of God and so glad to be a member of it.

Now I would like all the brothers and sisters to remember us in prayer for it is not so easy to belong to the Church of God over here. Much hatred and persecution is ours, but we are all happy in the Lord.—With great thankfulness, I am your sister in the Lord, Emilie Mueller.

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The Church of God in Barbados

While the people of the world were having outings and picnics, about eighty of the saints from the Eckstein church took the bus for Rockhall, a distance of about twelve miles to one of our country stations where an all-day meeting was arranged. Leaving Bridgetown about 10:00 a. m. we arrived at Rockhall in time for the 11:00 a. m. service. We had a glorious day worshipping and praising God. How the saints did shout and rejoice until three p. m. when we made a short break for lunch, then off for a three-mile walk to Black Bess, a village where a big camp meeting had been arranged, commencing at 5:00 p. m. and running until 9:00 p. m. We were delayed because the bus did not come at the time appointed and we did not get back to Bridgetown until after midnight, yet every one was cheerful and happy although weary with the toil of the day, feeling that we had spent the day to the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom. One backslider was reclaimed. Continue to pray for the work in Barbados, dear ones. The enemy is strong and the trials are many but we mean to have victory for Jesus all along the line.—J. B. Winter, evangelist.

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God is Able to Help Us

I praise God for the victory in Blue Hills. We have a church here with seven members, also a Y. P. E. with twenty-two enrolled. We sent for our overseer, Brother A. W. Rigby, to organize us but he is so busy with the other islands. Please pray for him while on his ministerial work. Pray that we will be able to build a boat because by not having one it causes us to lose much time. We don't won't to be too far behind this year. Our need is great but please pray that we will keep in the faith.—Alfred Bain, Blue Hills, Turks Island, B. W. I.

REVIVAL

GLEN FORK, W. Va.—Dear readers, I am glad to sound a note of praise through the Evangel to my Redeemer who has done so much for me. I praise Him for past and present blessings because He means everything to me.

We have been at this place about ten days in a revival and several prayed through to definite experiences. Thank God! In spite of the rain and mud, our building is far too small to accommodate the crowds each night. I don't think I have ever seen better interest, and it has been years since I have seen such conviction. Oh, thank God, how I do love these West Virginia mountains.

I would, indeed, like to hear from my friends over the different states where we have traveled in the gospel work. Please pray for me that God will use my weak efforts for His glory. — Dovie Coats.

Bible School Echoes

RESPONSIBILITY

ELIZABETH GREEN

A Christian is one possessing the religion of Christ.

When we pause to consider what we possess, how thankful we are, how grateful we feel to God. We see what we were or might have been but for the grace of Him who loved us and died for us. We view the transformation with gratitude and a desire to impart some of our radiance to those without the fold. Our hearts are made humble when we consider our sanctification. We wonder why God should be so wonderful as to purge you and me of sin, when COUNTLESS others have not experienced this blessing. Then sweeping on we mark the place when He came into our hearts to abide. The sacred One! The greatest and holiest Presence, the Guider into all truth! How enraptured and thrilled our souls are when this Comforter abides within.

BUT—

While we enjoy this threefold blessing, that not only makes our life happy and beautiful here, but gives us that eternal hope—do we consider the responsibility that rests upon us as POSSESSING Christians?

The Winston dictionary defines responsibility as "the state of being answerable, a duty or obligation." We may go farther and amend by adding the words "to God."

Responsibility for what?

"And when thou art converted strengthen thy brethren," Luke 22:32.

I am persuaded that God has an individual place for each of His children; "we came not to our place by accident." That we are saved for a purpose; not to sit on a stool of do-nothing BUT "saved for service."

Service to whom?

To Jesus and our fellowmen. Rom. 1: 14.

One day we ourselves were blind to spiritual light. Our paths lay in darkness. SOMEONE, through love, gratitude and loyalty to Christ, brought us the message, in some form or another, that transformed our lives.

Today, this very minute, there are thousands and millions, yea billions without God—without the ark of safety—without the message!

"Yes, I know and how I truly thank God for my salvation."

Beloved, once you truly realize the worth and value of a soul, you will not only sing thanksgiving and offer praise for your safety but you will become so overflowed with gratitude that there will be nothing left for you but *wholehearted* grateful service. When we consider a soul—what it is, who made it, its value, its possibilities, the price that was paid for its redemption, its destiny, its eternal welfare, can we, DARE we, be satisfied with anything less than a full share of Christian responsibility?

Once we pause and concentrate on these questions, we will not only have a rising and pressing burden for the lost, we will not merely become concerned, nor will we stop with becoming aroused; there will be a dominant aim in our lives, one that will rule us as with "a hand of iron," and "I MUST" will rule.

Words fail to stress the deep responsibility that weighs upon a child of God. *Responsibility—responsibility! How can its importance be made to penetrate the hearts of Christians?*

We are examples.

Not only are we responsible for lost souls but we are examples. We are to be "a light on a hill." Today famished hearts are crying for the truth, and you and I not only need to but MUST KNOW AND DECLARE the truth. The aim of one of the leading newspapers of Chattanooga, Tenn., is "to give the news without impartiality or fear" and how that aim must needs apply to every worker for Christ! An example — "a model or illustration." Can Christ depend upon you, and me, to be a model for His cause? Is my life so consecrated that it is reflecting Him in all I do, say and think?

We must do our best—to do something all right doesn't suffice. Our best and nothing short of our best is a responsibility that arrests us as Christians. God gave His all. Our best at its fullest development is naught, but God does not judge as to what is actually accomplished but on the willingness and faithfulness of the heart.

How may I share my responsibility?

No one of us is so great but God can instantly provide someone to fill our place but because we are so privileged to serve Him we are debtors to the gospel. There are many ways in which we can shoulder a portion of our responsibility.

By prayer. 1 Thess. 5:17. What avenue could be to greater advantage?

By personal efforts. Take the example of Jesus' dealing with the Samaritan woman.

When He said "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," He gave an order, clear, explicit, peremptory. It was not merely the expression of a desire, not more so than "love thy neighbor as thyself." How shall you get around this? We should not strive to "get around it" but "go" through it.

There are other ways we can serve Him. It is truthfully said, "If you want a field of labor you may find one anywhere." In the many whitened fields we can labor, and let us know that which is done must be done quickly. Shall we not serve Him with wholehearted service? Duty calls. Will you fill the place He has for you?

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Dear saints of Bible Training School, I want to express my appreciation through the Evangel to each and every one who has written to me since my leave from Bible School.

I received a letter recently where forty-two had written a few lines and it gave me the blues, as it brought back memories when God poured down His blessings upon us all there in unity.

May God bless each student and those in the faculty, as they all proved a blessing to me.

Please continue to pray for me as I am still trusting the Lord to relieve me of my sideache.—Your sister in Christ, Helen Fisher, Halliday, N. Dak.

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From Northwest Bible and Music Academy

Time marches on! and we are marching on with Christ, the Captain of our souls.

The preacher said in Eccl. 9:11, "The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong," but God giveth the victory. 1 John 5:4, ". . . . and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." "Even our faith" is the keyphrase in this verse. "Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Have you faith in God? or are you in the class of doubters that Jesus rebuked in Matt. 14:31? "O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" When you pray, do you believe that what you are praying for will be granted? or do you feel that it is superficial and unnecessary to pray for things that you desire? It is true that the Lord knows what you need before you ask Him, but He wants us to ask of Him, for in so doing we show that we have confidence in Him.

Have you ever asked the Lord for something and then feared that you asked for something that the Lord is unable to give? God has all things, and the "riches of glory" spoken of in Phil. 4:19 will cover every need of yours. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." Just think of it! Even our imaginations cannot extend into the realms of

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Testimonies

Healed of Cancer

COFFEYVILLE, Kans.—It was in September, 1935, when I waked up one night and something came to me saying, You have a cancer on your eye. The next morning I told my sister who was with me and just dropped it, thinking nothing of it for about a year. Then it came to me again. I thought I would go to a doctor but was afraid. Everything I did or read would seem to remind me of it. I would try to get it off my mind but couldn't. Every time I would pick up a book or paper, it would appear to me, cancer. So I began telling people about it and how it appeared to me one night. They would tell me that it sounded crazy, but I still couldn't get it off my mind. I believe it was the Lord that spoke to me trying to warn me. I was a sinner and didn't know much about the Bible. When I would try to read it I would have the funniest feeling and would put it down.

In November, 1937, it began hurting me. I heard about a lady at Springfield, Mo. whom I went to see. She said, "You have a cancer." She asked if I had gone to see a doctor and I told her no, but related to her what appeared to me.

It was Dec. 19, 1937. She gave me some salve and I came home. I was home about two days and my face began to swell. My eye was swollen shut. I was in so much pain. I took aspirins until my mouth was cooked. I was about to go crazy.

On December 23, 1937, two brothers from the Church of God came along. They came in to see me. They asked me if I thought the Lord could heal me and I said, "Yes." I had faith in the Lord and thought He could heal me. So they began praying. As they were praying the pain all left me. Thank God! And when they got ready to go I was feeling fine. I kept on praying for the Lord to save me so that I might live to tell people what He had done for me.

The next day some of the sisters and brothers came back and prayed and the Lord saved me. Thank God! On Dec. 26, 1937 the cancer came out on my pillow. The place is healing and I am praying to God. I know the Lord can heal if you have faith in Him. I am praising God for His wonderful healing and since I have gotten saved I read the Bible all the time and pray. He can do the same for you, brother or sister, if you will give Jesus your soul. He will help you. I want to go on and meet Jesus when He comes. Thank God!—As ever, Mrs. Ethel Wooldridge, 1009 E. 2nd St.

Dear readers, I can witness to this testimony. Saturday night this sister brought this cancer to the church and testified before the entire congregation. She preserved the cancer in a jar of alcohol, showing it when she testified. Brother Jeff Shamblin, one of our deacons, and Brother Davis prayed for her. —Cora Crossman, corres. sec., 107 Paul St., Coffeyville, Kans.

Something Got Hold of Me

UNEEDUS, La.—Dear saints, I didn't know much about holiness. My husband had the Holy Ghost before we married but backslid. His uncle's wife would tell me how wonderful it was to have the Holy Ghost. One night we went to church and the Holy Ghost took charge of her. The power was shaking her all over. She sat down on the seat where I was and the seat began to shake and then something got hold of me. There were cold chills all over me. About a month ago the Lord sanctified me and gave my husband the Holy Ghost again.

Please pray for me that I'll receive the Holy Ghost. I need your prayers. Pray that I will overcome, the devil tries to get me back sometimes. If anyone feels led to come here to teach the real Church of God, we will be glad to have you. We haven't a church yet, there aren't many of us, about eight, but we are willing. Pray that the Lord will add to us in grace and number. Pray that the Lord will give us a church.—A sister in the faith, Lillie Mae Anthony, c/o E. S. Raines.

Thank God for Victory Today

MT. HEBRON, Calif.—Dear children of God, I am glad I am still saved and sanctified and one of the members. About six years ago I started to live for God and I am not tired of this way yet. I find He is a friend, One who stands by His children in trouble and sickness.

Last May 31 the death angel came to my home and called my dear husband. Oh, it was hard to give him up but God knows best. He left me and my thirteen-month-old baby. Oh, I prayed so hard for my husband. Thank God he is at rest now. God saved him before he died.

Dear people, it is foolish to worry about someone who has gone on, but it is so sad for me and my little girl out in the world alone.

Please pray for this place. Brother Carl Hughes and his wife of Ohio are with us now and the devil is working so hard to overcome us.

I thank God for healing my body in the year of 1932. I fell and burst my kneecap and some said I would be a cripple but God healed my leg. Thank God!

Please pray for me and pray for my two brothers who are out in sin.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Marie Harper.

We are glad to report victory over the devil on the E. St. Louis, Ill. district. All the churches are doing fine. Most of them have had one revival since the Assembly and have gained ground.

We have a good band of young people and have a gathering each month somewhere on the district and God surely does bless them.

We are in a revival here at the Lincoln Avenue church in E. St. Louis, Brother M. G. Swarts doing the preaching. He is a real man of God and preaches the whole Bible.

We are planning on opening two new missions soon. Pray for us here in E. St. Louis.—Your brother, G. W. Messer, district pastor.

We Need Your Prayers

STEELVILLE, Mo. — Dear Evangel readers, if you read "Just Another of God's Miracles," you will remember we are trying to organize a Church of God here in Steelville. We also intend to build a church, if God be willing. People are interested in their souls and are trying to get a Church of God here. Two or three attempts have been made in past years to set a church in order here but opposition was too strong, or so it seemed. Opposition is still strong. Satan is working with all his might to stop us but what God is in must go on. I feel sure God is in this as everything else is working against us.

We have already paid the down payment on the lot and are trusting God to help us in the other payments and for the church building. There is $60.00 due on the lot yet. We would like to get a tent so we can go on with our meetings until our church is built and the lot is paid for. If anyone knows of a tent we could pay for by payments, please let us know.

There are only a few of us, maybe ten or twelve. Some are working, some are not. Anyway money is scarce, especially in the winter.

This article was not written to gain your sympathy, God's children do not need pity, but we do need your prayers. Prayer is the key to the kingdom, so all of you saints pray for us, and if any of you care to write us, I'll be glad to answer.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Pearl Campbell.

Reports

Away Out on the Range

JAL, N. Mex.—We are glad for the way God is blessing us in this part of the country. We are thankful for the workers who are in the state this year. Brother S. J. Wood and his wife are proving a blessing in the state. We also have two evangelistic parties and God is blessing their efforts.

Oh, how we need faithful, honest, hard working, self-denying, God-fearing, soul-loving, consecrated ministers who can reach out by the power of God and rescue souls. No doubt there are many who have dreams about the West and would like to make a tour out this way to see the country and get back home. Some think we are too far out on the range among the rattlesnakes and coyotes. Well, I'll agree that we are a long way from town (so to speak) among the wild, but the way God is revealing Himself lately He's not afraid of the game. And did you know that the Holy Ghost lives out here in some of the mud houses? Oh glory! I feel Him moving about in this tabernacle of clay right now.

The wilderness doesn't get so wild nor the desert so dry, neither does the dust storms come heavy enough or the rain and hail fall so fast as to cause the great Holy Ghost to get discouraged and leave us in this sinful and uncomfortable world. But I expect to leave with Him when He goes and meet the Lord in the air.

We have just closed a revival with Brother and Sister Largin in charge with their helpers, Sisters Mary Ruth Haworth and Zana Wright. We appreciate the efforts of these workers and trust their labors will be crowned with many souls everywhere they go.

We're thankful for the increase God gave us. Four were saved, five sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water and five affiliated with the church. You would be overjoyed to see the zeal these young converts have in doing something for God. May they ever be great workers for Him.

I desire your prayers that I may have sure a touch of God's divine power that I can in these last few moments of time pluck souls from the fire.—Humbly, V. B. Rains.

Report of Work on Mallory, W. Va. District

I praise God for His wonderful blessings. He is truly blessing us on the Mallory district. On Saturday night, Jan. 15, our regular service night at Mallory church, a revival spirit seemed to sweep over our congregation. The services will continue as long as God is blessing. Pray much for us.

Now just a brief sketch of the work over the district. We have organized two new Sunday Schools and three Y. P. E's and God is wonderfully blessing in the Y. P. E. services. Saturday night, Jan. 15, two received the Holy Ghost at Campus. Our Sunday School work is rapidly increasing over the entire district. We are looking forward to two new churches on the district and expecting a call soon to set a church in order at Tamcliff. Brother Steve Burke has been laboring there and God is blessing his efforts.

When we first came to the district we certainly had a battle but we truly believe God has given us victory. We have some good ministers to labor with and we feel like the success is due to their co-operation. Brother W. C. Edgell is pastor at Lundale and Lax. His people all love him. Brother Van D. Browning, pastor at Christian, was the first in this state to raise his assessment for last Assembly year. He is loved by everyone. Pray for his success, he is financially oppressed as the mines have not been working. We covet your prayers.—Faithfully, Leonard Marcum, district pastor, Mallory, W. Va.

Rich Hill Church Shining For Jesus

RICH HILL, Mo.—I am glad to report the Church of God at Rich Hill is shining for King Jesus. It hasn't been established long, but I can see great things for it in the future. We have good attendance and people are becoming interested in the Church of God. Our church is located right in the heart of our little city. Praise God for planting His Church where it is so that some poor sinner may see the beacon light and be led to Jesus, the Light of the world.

Dear ones, it looks good to see the sign at our door, "The Church of God," amid the signs and advertisements of liquor and sin. O dear brothers and sisters, pray that God will carry our voices to the darkest corners of these dens and bring out the poor lost souls to the light of the Church of God.

Now we have the privilege of having our state evangelist, Brother Nicely, with us conducting a series of meetings. He started services January 10 and there have been several saved and sanctified and conviction is falling like rain. Several have been healed by the mighty power of God. We are expecting a great outpouring before this revival closes. Brother Nicely certainly is a good representative for Jesus. Pray for this work here. Our ministers are invited to come over to Rich Hill and help us. If you feel led this way, you will receive a hearty welcome here.—Your sister in His service, Mrs. Ben Ellis, 14 East Walnut St.

Watch Us Go, Grow and Glow

MONROE, La.—I praise God for His love and blessings to us here at Monroe, La. We have been here about two and one-half months and the church is moving along fine in every way. The Sunday School is building up and the services are becoming just like old-time holiness meetings. The congregation is increasing even during the winter months. We also praise Him because we love our aged warriors of the cross. To prove it, we have our ten cents per member quota one hundred and fifty per cent.

We appreciated the special mission service of Dec. 20. Brother and Sister Stark were with us at that time. A number of visitors were with us. To say the lecture and pictures by Sister Stark were enjoyed by all would be putting it mild. The congregation was moved for the mission cause and responded by giving a few cents over $20.00, for which we praise God.

We appreciate our state overseer, Brother Clyde C. Cox, and his untiring efforts to put the work over in the state. With the co-operation of all the workers in the state, some of the other states will have to move along. Pray for us and watch us go, grow and glow for the Lord.—A humble servant, John D. Carter, pastor, Box 294.

God is Still Working Miracles

ARCADIA, Fla.—I sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse for prayer and anointing for the healing of my body. I was suffering agony. It seemed it was more than I could bear. I prayed and went to bed, laid the Evangel on my body and prayed again and promised God if He would completely heal me I would testify, and before I received an answer I was completely healed of every ache, soreness and pain, also a growth on my face was taken off. God has taken two growths off my face. He healed me in my sleep. Praise His name.

I was seventy-two years young the 9th of November and feel like a young woman, am doing my cooking, cleaning up and taking care of my chickens. Praise God I will never grow old, I will be ready to go with Him when He calls or comes for me.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Florida A. Smith, Rt. 1, Box 199.

Requests

Belmont, North Carolina is in the greatest revival ever known. The second week of the revival one hundred were saved, thirty sanctified and twenty-eight filled with the Holy Ghost. One hundred sought God Sunday night. Helen L. Morrow, evangelist. Please pray especially, as this city is stirred.—A. V. Childers, pastor.

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Please pray for me that I will get closer to the Lord. Also pray that I will have the privilege to attend the Bible School next year.—Miss Arlona Ferrell, Branchland, W. Va.

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Please pray for my husband to be healed of kidney trouble. Also pray for my baby, he has a severe cold, and pray that God will make my body every whit whole. I also have a special request for prayer. Pray that God will make a way so we can be in service and that we will draw closer to Him.—Your humble sister in Christ, Mrs. Kelly Rose, Saldee, Ky.

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Please continue to pray for my wife. She came near going home Saturday night, Jan. 29. She is trusting the Lord for her healing.—Love, Brother O. J. Plake, 118 N. Union, Montgomery, Ala.

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Please pray for our revival here at Edwardsville, Ala. Neighboring churches, please come over and help us. Pray that we will have a successful revival.—H. L. Kitchen, Edwardsville, Ala.

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Dear saints, will you please pray for a dear sister of the Church of God who has been totally blind for six years at least. Her name is Mrs. Seybt. She is seventy-one years of age and wants to see once more. Please pray and fast for her healing. Also pray for her body to be healed of rheumatism.—Mrs. J. H. Evans, Rt. 4, Leesville, S. C.

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We are in a good revival at Bishop, Va. This is a new place. Please pray for our success here.—Marvin E. Porter and wife, state evangelist, Austinville, Va.

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Please pray for God to heal my body and that my faith may be increased.—A sister in Christ, Lillie Channell, Sulphur Springs, Fla.

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Dear saints, please pray that the Lord will heal my body of several different ailments. I do not know what they are but Jesus does. I also have a very special unspoken request. Pray that I will ever live close to Jesus.—Adah Hamilton, Glenburn, N. Dak.

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Please pray for my family that they will all come to the Lord before it is too late. Pray that I will hold on and never give up.—A sister, Mrs. Julie Vines, 161 Lipscomb St., Mobile, Ala.

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Please pray a special prayer for me, I have appendicitis and the doctor wants to operate on me but I am trusting the Lord.—Your sister in Christ, Eula Gibbons, Rt. 3, Harrisburg, Ill.

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Dear brother and sisters, here I come with another broken bone. I came here to run a meeting and fell and broke my hip. Please pray for me, I am trusting God to heal my hip like He healed my knee and both shoulders. I'm about six miles out in the country from Winder, Ga. Pray for the lady I am staying with and pray for her family.—Your same old sister in Christ, Mrs. Mary Lynch, Rt. 3, Winder, Ga., c|o C. W. Lynch.

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Dear saints, I have an unspoken request. Please pray for God to deliver.—One who has been redeemed by the blood, James Culpepper, 1828 Walker St., Augusta, Ga.

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We are in a revival here at Carson Springs, Tenn. Everyone who can, come over and help us and pray for our success.—Yours in the faith, I. H. Brabson, pastor, Carson Springs, Tenn.

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Please pray for our revival which started Feb. 6 at Trafford, Ala. We invite all near-by churches to help us and pray for us.—W. E. Crider, pastor, Cheraw, S. C.

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Please pray for the revival which is now in progress, that it will be a great success.—Mamie Joe Taylor, 248 Fane Court St., Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

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We are now in the midst of a revival with our pastor, Brother Sam Holcomb, doing the preaching. Pray for the success of the revival and church.—Yours very truly, E. V. Williams, Middlesboro, Ky.

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We are in a revival and desire your prayers. Also pray that God will heal my body.—Moses Smith, Beckley, W. Va.

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Please pray for God to heal my body. Brother Rouse, please pray for me.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Annell Skipper, Rt. 2, Newellton, La.

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Please pray for my boy who left home Jan. 3, that God will send him back, Please get this request on your heart. Pray for me and the rest of the family that we will get close to the Lord. Pray for my husband to be saved.—A sister in Christ, Lillie Newton, Sylacauga, Ala.

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Please pray for the healing of my body, I am still trusting the Lord. Pray that I will ever be faithful to Him.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Wilburn Roberts, Avera, Miss.

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Please pray earnestly for my healing, I have a serious body affliction and sugar diabetes. Only Jesus can heal me. I am praising God that I am going to be healed by faith.—Your brother in Christ, Chas. Shaw, 231 E. Thompson St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Please pray a special prayer for the healing of my body. I took the flu about two months ago and it left my body in a very weak condition. I have a cough I can't get rid of. It seems my faith is weak, so don't forget to pray for me.—A sister in Christ, Nettie Garretson, Stephenson, W. Va.

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Please pray that God will satisfy my heart by sanctifying and giving me the Holy Ghost. I have been nearly sick for three weeks, also the little ones, we are still up but need your prayers. Fast some if you feel led.—A sister who wants to be ready, Lillie McCord, Prattville, Ala.

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Pray for my unsaved companion and father before it is too late. Also pray for a revival that is going on here.—Your sister in Christ, Rosa Dicks, 734 Gibbs Ave., Norfolk, Va.

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Dear saints, I haven't walked in fifteen months. I was run over by a car and got broke up. The doctors said they didn't see how I lived but my Lord has brought me through. Pray that God will heal me so I can walk. I have a broken ankle and the doctor said it would have to be broken again or maybe my foot and ankle would have to be taken off, but I said, No. I am trusting my father for my healing. Any kind word you can say to me I will appreciate. My good pastor comes and takes me to Sunday School and church and I am a teacher in Sunday School; I teach the little card class. Well, praise the Lord, I am so glad I can do that much. Pray for our little church.—Mrs. Ada Schray, 119 10th St., Bowling Green, Ky.

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Dear saints, I am suffering with my back where it was broken. Pray that I will be healed. I don't have enough victory so pray earnestly for me, plead the blood. I am doing my best, I also confess my faults. I should have paid tithes when I could but I let the devil cheat me by

not paying them and I have suffered ever since. Please pray earnestly for me that I will never fail the Lord any more.—Your brother, M. A. Tate, Lester, W. Va.

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I have catarrh of the head, please pray a special prayer for me. Also pray for my wife for she is weak in body. Pray that my mother and oldest brother will get the Holy Ghost. Also pray for my wife's people in Florida. It is about fifteen miles to the nearest Church of God, so pray for us.—Yours in His service, Harvie Woodard, New Middleton, Tenn.

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We are having a hard fight against Satan trying to have prayer meeting here at our little church. Please pray that it will grow and prosper in the Lord. Pray that God will undertake and help and encourage each one.—Your sister in the Lord, Mrs. Vestia Ragan, Rt. 1, Alabama City, Ala.

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Dear saints, I have a crippled foot. Please pray that it may be completely healed. My daughter in New Jersey also asks the prayers of the Christian people for complete recovery.—O. F. Young, Rt. 2, Vardaman, Miss.

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We are praying for our revival which we plan to start Feb. 13. Please pray that the Lord will bless our souls and save lost souls.—A brother, Sam Fleming, Memphis, Tenn.

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Please pray for me, I am an evangelist and need so much to be on the battlefield but am not able. Please fast and pray for me until victory comes. I have trouble with my sides and back and am very nervous.—Your humble sister, Mrs. D. L. Wing, Rt. 1, Summerfield, Fla.

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Please pray earnestly for me at this time. I need His guiding hand so much. Pray for the unsaved of my family that they will come to Jesus. Also pray earnestly for the church at Macclenny, Fla. We need a revival so much.—Mrs. Minnie Rhoden, Rt. 1, Box 138, Glen St. Mary, Fla.

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Please pray for us that God will completely heal our bodies. My health is very bad, pray for my healing. Pray for my dear father that he will get the Holy Ghost and be healed. Also pray for my five brothers to get the Holy Ghost before it is too late. Please fast and pray for my dear blind brother that God will give him his sight. He has a large family and they need his help. If any one feels led to write him or send him an anointed handkerchief, he will appreciate it. His name is Evey R. Goodman, Rt. 1, Box 54, Coffeeville, Ala. Pray that my family and I will stand true.—A sister in Christ, Pearlie McIntyre, Williston, Fla.

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Please pray that the Lord will heal us of a breaking out. Also pray for our church and pastor. Pray that my family and I will stand true.—A brother in Christ, B. V. McIntyre, Williston, Fla.

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Please pray for my unsaved boys before it is too late. Pray that I will get closer to the Lord.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Emily Davis, R. F. D. 2, Lancaster, Ky.

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Pray for my unsaved family that they will be saved before it is too late. Pray that I will stay true. Also pray for the church at Statesville, N. C.—A humble sister in Christ, Mrs. B. G. Byrd, 614 Newbern Ave., Statesville, N. C.

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I am a girl eighteen years of age and am not in good health. Pray that God will heal me, help me in my work and make me an overcomer for Jesus.—A sister in Christ, Mary Blanche Smith, Rt. 1, Alachua, Fla. * * *

Please pray for my baby to be healed. He is eighteen months old and can not walk. I have had the saints to pray and he is some better, it seems he is stronger. I want to trust God for the healing of his body. Pray for me that I will grow stronger in the Lord and have more faith.—Your brother in Christ, Stephen Broadus, Crichton, Ala.

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Pray a special prayer for Sister Ella Finch, she has sinus trouble, nervousness and stomach trouble. She also thinks she has a cancer. She always trusts God to heal her, so pray until God hears you.—A sister in Jesus, Julia LaChance, Fredericktown, Mo.

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Please ask the Lord to help me find my boy who left the CCC camp at Arcadia, La. last September. He has not been seen or heard from since. Also pray for his soul, he is not saved. Pray for my body that the Lord will give me strength to go on in His work, also that the way may be opened for me to work in the harvest field this summer for that is my calling. I am a poor widow with no one but the Lord to depend upon for a living. Also pray for my other two children. Pray for us, and all who will, write to me. I have not been able to subscribe for the Evangel, but I enjoy reading it so much when someone sends me one.—Mrs. Monnie Ukele, Rt. 2, Rayville, La., c/o Geo. Robideau.

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Please pray for our little daughter who has the rickets. She can't hear or talk at all. She is three years old. Pray that God will heal her. Also pray for our church here.—Your brother in Christ, James Edgeworth, pastor.

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Pray for me that I will obey the Lord at any cost. Also pray for the church here that souls will be saved.—A sister, Mrs. Lester Ratliff, Big Spring, Tex.

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Please pray for me, I have had spells for over fifteen years off and on and no doctor has done me any good. I have only God to look to to heal my head and body. I and my family are in a destitute condition. My health is where I can't do much. I have never received the Holy Ghost so pray that I will receive Him. We need healing and other things.—A sister, Mrs. Glenn H. Gilley, Rt. 1, Whitesburg, Ga.

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Dear saints, I am afflicted in my body. It seems unless God undertakes I have not much longer to stay here. Pray earnestly that I will be healed. I am trusting Him for the healing of my body. I may have cancer of the stomach but God can heal that too. Pray for the work here, it is a new work and we are trying to build a church to worship in. Pray that God will give us the means and that it will be a soul saving station.—Evangelist Mattie Ball, Rt. 2, Vincent, Ala.

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Please pray for Sister Mamie Wilson who is very sick now. We know God can heal.—Your sister in Christ, Cora Dodson, Murphy, Okla.

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Please pray much for the revival which started at the Church of God here Feb. 7 with Brother A. M. Phillips in charge.—Humbly, A. F. Wilson, 54 Spofford, Wilmington, N. C.

Special Notice!

The district convention for Erwin and Wilmington districts will convene at Erwin, N. C. Feb. 25-27. It will begin at 7:00 p. m. Friday and continue through Sunday. Brother E. W. Williams, state overseer, will be present throughout the convention. We are pleased to have Brother H. T. Durden, district overseer of the Wilmington district, combine his convention with ours. Come on and bring your singers and music. All pastors will be expected to close their regular services and attend all of the convention. The good people of Erwin will furnish free entertainment for those who come and stay for the convention. Those who come Sunday please bring dinner as there will be all-day services and we are expecting a real feast from the Lord. Begin now to pray for this convention. Come, you are welcome. Management—E. W. Williams, state overseer; H. T. Durden, district overseer of Wilmington; E. E. Winters, district overseer of Erwin.

THE TEN VIRGINS

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ish is Matt. 22:11. We are sure that this verse does not bear directly on the subject of the virgins but it does refer to being foolish. Nothing is said about how much salvation this man had but he evidently thought that he was entitled to go into the wedding supper. If you notice, he did not go and make himself known to the one who was receiving the guests at this wedding; he just went in. At oriental weddings all the guests were given a robe and this robe was sufficient to admit them and permit them to hold an honorable place at the wedding. Now I am sure that the wedding garment does refer to the full preparation and I don't think it would be doing any violence to the scripture to say this man had failed to get the oil which is a symbol of the Holy Ghost.

vv. 3, 4, *"They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps."*

As we have already commented on the words the "wise" and the "foolish" our thought in these two verses will be the lamps and the oil. There are no references to these verses but it is said that they took no oil in their vessels with their lamps. The inference is that there was a container for oil that the wise took along. They had made preparation for a supply if it was needed. There is no distinction in the lamps; they must have all been alike. The only difference is that the wise had oil and the foolish did not. Now this oil was a beaten olive oil that was used by the Jews for lights and every commentator that we can find admits that this oil does represent the Holy Ghost. Some seem to prefer to say the Holy Spirit. These are synonymous terms and mean the same thing, but we are sure that some are using the phrase "Holy Spirit" and are, in a measure, deceiving some, but we are sure there is no difference. We are also sure that Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit refers to the blessing that the Lord said He would send back. John 14:16, 26; 15:26; Acts 2:1-6; 10:44-48; 19:1-7.

vv. 5-7, *"While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps."*

This is a hint that His coming might be delayed longer than the virgins expected. The slumber, of course, denotes rest, quietness, and contentment. These thoughts don't play much of a part in the parable. It is well to be awake and be watching for Him. Midnight represents an unexpected time, coming when no one is expecting Him. The cry made was possibly made by the Holy Ghost at the approach of the Bridegrom. To make sleep or slumbering a fault, as some try to do, spoils the parable. Had it been wrong the wise virgins would certainly have been represented as keeping awake. Then, if we should give a meaning to these words, it is not that of spiritual lethargy, but rather occupations that concern the present life that are natural and necessary.

In verse 7 all ten virgins are represented as trimming their lamps. Those oriental lamps had to be trimmed and replenished with oil, but it seems that the foolish had no oil and all these verses are put in to represent the unity and companionship of the wise and the foolish but the final outcome shows that the foolish just didn't have what they thought they had.

vv. 8, 9, *"And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves."*

The foolish are now awakened to the fact that they do not have that that they should have. They have gone along in perfect hope and there is nothing said about anything that disturbed them, but they find that their lamps are gone out and they cry for help. Nothing would bring more consternation to a soul than to go along with the hope and belief that they were ready to meet Jesus and at His coming find that they are not ready. The wise gave them the answer, "Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you." God has provided that every soul may have a supply sufficient for his need, but we cannot divide our salvation with another. The destiny of these foolish virgins was fixed and there was nothing left for them to do but to seek for the indwelling Holy Ghost, and those who had oil in their vessels had nothing to do but go in with Jesus and I am sure this represents the raptured saints in 1 Thess. 4:13-17. So many scriptures teach this same thing that we haven't space to use them, but those who are familiar with this occasion will have them in mind. It is not supposed here that you can buy salvation but it is just representative speech showing that they could yet receive the oil.

vv. 10-12, *"And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not."*

This was a sad time for the foolish virgins and while they went to secure the oil the bridegroom came. Nowhere in the reading of this parable do we find that they ever got to the place where the term "virgins" wasn't ascribed to them. But while they went to get the very thing that they should have had all the time, their opportunity for them to go with Jesus passed. We do not believe that anybody will be ready to go with Jesus without being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, as we have shown in this article. The followers of Jesus who had cast out devils and healed the sick, were told to go to Jerusalem and tarry until the Holy Ghost came. Every fair-minded man and woman will have to admit that the Holy Ghost is the third person in the Trinity and when He came He used men's tongues and spoke through them the wonderful works of God. I have read some comments that said, "Every man heard them speak in his own language." These words are used in Acts 2:6, but they didn't quote the eighth verse which says, "How hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?" Then the writer gives seventeen nationalities wherein these Jews were born for it says there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now this proves that these were all Jews who heard them speaking the languages of the different provinces wherein they were born.

There are two places in the Bible that speak of the door being shut. One of them is in Matt. 25:10 and the other is where God had gathered Noah and his family and two of every kind into the ark and the door was shut just before the deluge was poured out.

In verse 12 Jesus said, "I know you not." Now He didn't say, I never knew you. In running up the Greek word for "know" (eido), I find that it means to consider, look on, or see, and the same Greek word is used in Rom. 6:16 and 1 Cor. 3:16. I believe that Jesus simply meant, "You are too late to get into the bridal chamber, I will not consider you now," or "You are too late; I will not consider you for this occasion."

Now the foolish virgins realized that they didn't have the oil and I believe verse 11 is good evidence that they had received it when they came back and cried to the Lord, but the door was shut. Those who are well acquainted with the Scripture will have to admit that the tribulation week takes place after the Church is raptured and I am sure that these foolish virgins entered this tribulation week.

In order to prove that the tribulation is after the Church is raptured, I refer

you to the following scriptures: Isa. 26: 20, 21; Rev. 3, latter part of verse 8, and verse 10; Luke 21:34-36. This proves that Jesus had in mind and taught His disciples that there would be a time of trouble that they would escape if they would be true to Him and it can be nothing more nor less than the tribulation week. The first reference we have of the time of the tribulation is Dan. 9:27. Then, in order to prove that the saints are raptured before Antichrist takes his seat, read Revelation, fourth and fifth chapters. Rev. 4:11 proves that these saints are crying out to the Lord who is worthy to receive glory and honor and power. "For thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they were and are created."

Rev. 5:8-10, "And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and has redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation: and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

These verses prove positively that Jesus is the one whom they were falling down and honoring, also that He was slain and redeemed the people to God by His own blood, and that this is the crowd that will reign with Him on earth. There is not a seal broken yet. Antichrist will not take his seat until after the rapture, and he will not take his seat until after the first seal is broken. We are sure that Jesus is the one that has power to break these seals.

The first seal is broken in Rev. 6:1, 2. This white horse comes out after the Lamb has opened the seal, and he has a reign of seven years. Right on through the rest of the book of Revelation, great conflicts and troubles take place and those who have failed God will certainly pay for all this. There will be many who will give their lives for the cause they love during the tribulation week and there is plenty of scripture to prove that not all who profess salvation will be taken in the rapture.

NOTICES

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We would like for Brother and Sister I. H. Brabson to write us as we don't know their address and want to get in touch with them.—Brother and Sister Charlie Morrisett, R. F. D. 3, Tipton, Md.

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There will be a home coming at Pisgah Springs Church of God the second Sunday in February, the 13th. We invite our friends to come and enjoy the day with us. Come prepared to help us raise our aged ministers' fund, also our $1.00 per member.—C. H. Gardner, district pastor, Eupora, Miss.

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Brother L. G. Rouse will be at Blossom, Tex. Feb. 12. Bring your sick, blind and lame. Trust God and get well. He will also be at Cherry Hill the 13th and Selmon City the 14th. Come to any of these places for him to pray for you in the name of the Lord.—J. F. Brown, pastor, Blossom, Tex., Box 265.

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We are getting ready for a revival and need the prayers of the praying people. —Archie W. Line, pastor, 620 N. 3rd St., Independence, Kans.

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For the interest of the cause of Christ and ministers of the gospel, I am making gospel tents this year which we trust will prove to be a great blessing to poor lost souls. Anyone planning to buy a tent for the revival season, be sure and write me. I can help you out. The prices are reasonable to all ministers. I will be glad to send all information that you wish to know about same.—Your brother in Christ, V. E. Hooks, 152 Orchard St., Richmond, Ky.

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The district convention for the Murphy, Okla. district will convene at Murphy, Okla., Feb. 10, 11. Pastors, please have your mission quota and aged ministers' quota up by then and be here with your reports. We invite any one who will to be here. Our overseer, Brother Geo. M. Bloomingdale, will be in charge. Probably some visiting ministers will be here. Come and help us have a good convention.—Yours for Christ, W. T. Dodson, district pastor.

One True Friend

WOLF MOUNTAIN, N. C. — I thought because I was young I could go on in sin, like most of the young folks, and have a good time. But the Lord didn't let me do that. I didn't seem so much under conviction but I took a terrible hurting in my side, I thought I was going to die if I didn't get salvation.

On the 18th day of August I went to a camp meeting and prayed my way through to the throne of grace. I am having a battle to fight as I am the only girl belonging to the church at this place, which makes it hard for me.

Some time ago, one night after I had gone to bed, I was restless and troubled so I couldn't sleep, I felt like I didn't have a friend in this world, that I was left alone to make my way the best I could. I just wondered why it was that I was having so many troubles and hardships to contend with while the other young folks were out enjoying life, having a good time seemingly. But while I was thinking it over it just seemed like someone spoke to me and said, You are having your troubles now, but it won't be long until they will all be over, while theirs are yet to come. But after all my troubles I'm on the sunny side of life.

Please pray earnestly for me to be healed of a cough and a sore leg, also pray for the Lord to make some way for us to have a church building at this place and pray for the upbuilding of our church. — Humbly yours, Jessie Mae Shook.

State Conventions

Below are given the dates of the various state and territorial conventions. The overseer will arrange the place of meeting.

Date to be supplied — Washington, Oregon, Idaho.
February 11-13—Haiti.
February 18-20—Jamaica.
February 11-14—Nebraska.
March 17-20—Illinois, Eldorado.
April 12-20—Florida (Colored Assembly), Jacksonville, Fla.
May 5-8—Indiana.
May 12-15—Iowa.
May 19-22—Missouri.
May 19-22—Ohio.
May 26-29—North Carolina.
June 2-5—South Carolina.
June 9-12—Virginia.
June 9-12—Florida.
June 16-19—Mississippi.
June 16-19—West Virginia.
June 23-25—Minnesota.
June 23-25—Michigan, Lake Odessa.
June 28-July 4—North Dakota.
June 30-July 3—Tennessee.
July 7-10—New Mexico.
July 7-10—Maryland.
July 14-17—Oklahoma.
July 14-17—Georgia.
July 21-24—Kansas.
July 21-24—Alabama.
July 28-31—Texas.
July 28-31—Kentucky.
August 4-7—Pennsylvania.
August 4-7—Louisiana.
August 11-14—Maine.

Arkansas desires convention during camp meeting, the date of which is not set at this time.

Start now praying, working and believing that this will be the greatest year in the history of the Church.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

To submit is to go the two miles recommended by Christ.

Twenty Signs of the Coming of Our Lord

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son of perdition," 2 Thessalonians 2:3. My friend, you had better wake up and you had better quit taking all your time finding fault with your brother, but instead try to encourage others because the coming of the Lord is at hand. There has come a falling away. Statistics of 1933 report that one-half million people are leaving the churches annually. Christians, it's time we were waking up—think of one-half million souls!

Sign No. 14, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape," 1 Thessalonians 5:3. But, praise God, there is a way of escape through Christ Jesus and I am glad that my trust is in Him. Hallelujah! Today men of the world are crying, "Peace and safety," but we know the only place there is real safety is in Jesus. My friend, if you are not safe in Christ Jesus now is the time for you to seek Him.

Sign No. 15, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last day scoffers, walking after their own lusts," 2 Peter 3:3. This sign, too, is being fulfilled today. There are organizations in the world today with such names as Damned Souls Society, etc. So many scoffers walking after their own lusts! It is time for Methodist, Baptist, Assembly of God, Pentecostal Holiness, Apostolic Assembly, Church of God, etc., to get down to business and live the life that God would be pleased with.

Sign No. 16, "How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit." Jude 18, 19. Some seem to think they could write another Bible, but, my friend, I am here to tell you that each word written by the pen of holy men of God was divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit. 2 Pet. 1:21.

Sign No. 17, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold," Matt. 24:12. The love of many today is becoming cold. Iniquity abounds everywhere. "Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel; for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, (that takes us in too—inhabitants) because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God, in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.

"Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field and with the fowls of heaven: yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away," Hosea 4:1-3. This sign is being fulfilled before our very eyes today and every child of God should get closer to God; every unsaved person should seek Christ as he has never done before. Iniquity is abounding more than ever before. Let us get to work and get closer to Christ. Oh, Jesus Christ is so wonderful! Jesus Christ is so wonderful! Hallelujah!

Sign No. 18, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares," Luke 21:34. Never before have we seen such an overcharge of surfeiting. There are so many, many eating places for the public in this country of ours—restaurants, cafes, drug stores, ten cent stores, and department stores. These days, my friend, are the last days when it is time for us to earnestly try to get closer to God.

Sign No. 19, "But there were false prophets among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction," 2 Peter 2:1.

"And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not," 2 Peter 2:3. There seems to be more false prophets in these last days than there ever has been. Bob Ingersoll declared that he did not believe in the virgin birth, the resurrection, nor the new birth. A certain preacher in Charlotte, N.C., declared he did not believe it necessary to believe in the virgin birth of our Lord to be saved. Now I believe that Bob Ingersoll and the preacher that said this will both be lost and go to the same place. This preacher also declared that he didn't believe in the personality of the devil. Beloved, the Bible teaches the virgin birth of Christ, the resurrection, the new birth, and the personality of the devil, and if I were not going to accept the whole Bible rightly divided, I would not accept any of it .

Sign No. 20, "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come: and even now already is it in the world." 1 John 4:2, 3. Friends, the devil is busy in this world today, encouraging that spirit of Antichrist, doing all he can to get the people to deny the Lord Jesus Christ. What are we doing to do about it? Are we going to line up with the spirit of Antichrist or are we going to seek God with all our heart? This passage of scripture plainly proves that those who deny that Jesus came in the flesh have the spirit of Antichrist. It is time for us to begin to believe in Jesus and trust in Him. He is able to keep all that we commit Him against that day. Oh, if people could only realize how sweet the presence of God is! Some people do not believe what the Bible says at all and from the way some act they seem to think that God made a big mistake in writing the Bible, or having it written. But praise God, I tell you on the authority of God's Word that the Bible is the divinely inspired, written Word of God.

"There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins,
And all who plunge beneath that flood
Lose all their guilt and stain."

Wouldn't you like to lose all your guilt and stain tonight? Do not grieve the great Spirit of God. Let Him come in tonight. Be filled with the precious Holy Ghost so that He may lead and guide you from day to day. Oh, how much we need the guidance of the Holy Spirit of God because the Lord is soon coming. Are you ready should He come right this minute? Receive ye the Holy Ghost. He can make you ready for the coming of our Lord. Even so come, Lord Jesus, come quickly!

RADIO BROADCASTS

WFBC from 6:45 to 8:15 (E.S.T.), each Sunday morning. 1300 kilocycles. Earl Paulk, pastor.

WRGA—A. H. Batts, pastor, Rome, Ga., 1500 kilocycles, every other Monday at 4:30 p. m., starting Dec. 6.

WSBC—Sister Amelia Shumaker in charge, Chicago, Ill., 1210 kilocycles, each Wednesday, 11:00 p. m. to 12:00 midnight.

Broadcast over WMFD has been changed from 3:30-4:00 p. m. to 2:30-3:00 p. m. each Sunday, E.S.T., 1370 kilocycles.—H. T. Durden, pastor.

WOPI, Bristol, Tenn., each Sunday 3:15-4:15 p. m., 1500 kilocycles. District pastors in charge.—W. E. Johnson, district pastor.

Over WEBJ, Harrisburg, Ill., each Monday 3:00-3:45 p. m., 1210 kilocycles.—J. R. Thomas, state overseer.

Over KLCN, Blytheville, Ark., each Sunday, 4:15-4:45 p. m., C.S.T., 1290 kilocycles. Brother and Sister C. E. French in charge.

Hear The Church of God Gospel Hour, Frank Johnson, pastor of Powderly, Ala. church, in charge, over WSGN, each Sunday morning from 7:30 to 8:30.

Each week day from 5:30-6:00 a. m. over station WAPI. Birmingham, Ala., 1140 kilocycles, 5000 w. This program is sponsored by the listeners. Church of God, Pratt City, Ala. M. D. Harwood, pastor.

Charlotte, N. C. over WSOC, direct from the church, Sunday 4:30 p. m.; from the studio, Thursday, 3:45 p. m. E. L. Simmons, pastor.

No person has submitted to God's will and program who persists in having his own way with his brethren.

B. T. S. Echoes

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splendor and greatness so far but what God has surpassed it all.

Do we not have a wonderful God? Do we dare to doubt? Let us bring ourselves unto Him, giving our all; and in return He will give us our heart's desire. Let us serve this great God with all the strength within us, and let us bring our offering of praise unto Him, for He is worthy!—Henrietta Sanders, school correspondent.

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"Special to Ministers Only"

The latter part of last month we made a special offer to the licensed ministers, exhorters, evangelists and pastors of the Church on the Correspondence Home Study Course. Many of them did not receive this special offer. We have had numbers of inquiries since from ministers who knew nothing about the offer and have had to turn down some who did not get their application in before the allotted time. We want to be fair to all. Therefore, we are going to extend the time to March 1. NO application on the *"Special to Ministers Only"* will be accepted after that date. If you have an application blank, send it in now. This is for the licensed ministers only.

Please send me an application blank with information on your proposition to "Ministers Only."

Name .....

Street and No. .....

City .....

State .....

NOTE: Your application must be mailed on or before *MARCH* 1. Send in early for information so you will have time to mail in your application.

If you are going to receive license but have not received them yet, you may send in a recommendation from your pastor or overseer as you mail your application for membership to the Correspondence Department.

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Still On the Battlefield

THOMASVILLE, N. C.—We praise God for His blessings upon our lives. We are in our fourth revival since the Assembly, and have visited several churches where we did not have a revival. The Lord blessed in almost every service.

First we came to Brother Stone's church at Shooting Creek, N. C. We had a few real good services here with him and his people and there were a few souls blessed. From there we went to Sylva, N. C., where we met a few saints. After conducting a few services with them they seemed to be much encouraged. A few souls were blessed there. From there we went to Clyde, N. C. We were here in the summer for a revival and the Lord blessed us with many souls. On our visit this time we met with that same hospitality that we received before. We had a few services with Brother McKinney and his church, which was a real blessing to me. We then went by Luther, N. C. for one service. We met Brother Todd and his people, a fine band of saints, and had a good service. The Lord came down in the power of the Holy Ghost, and what a good time we had in the Lord. From here we went to Candler, N. C. and were with Brother Delk and his people in a revival. We had some real Holy Ghost services there. Weather conditions were bad but, after all, there were a few souls blessed and the saints encouraged to go on with the Lord. We left Candler and went to Canton, N. C., and visited Brother Hamilton and his church. Here weather conditions were so bad we had only a few services. Those who were present were blessed of the Lord and a few souls were saved. May the Lord bless all these churches and the people whom we met on the west side of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

When we left Canton we came east of the Blue Ridge to Rutherfordton, N. C., and were with Bro. Davis and his people. Here weather conditions were much better, not so cold. We began a revival and the Lord was with us from the very first service. We were here a little more than a week when we were called home (Mt. Airy, N. C.) on account of the illness of my grandchild. The Lord really blessed us while at Rutherfordton, and about fifteen souls were blessed. Brother Davis, the pastor, and others were to continue the meeting through the week. May the Lord bless the people there.

After we were at home a few days we called in the saints for prayer and the Lord touched and healed my grandchild. I left the next day for a revival some place. I went out not knowing where to go. I came to visit one of my brothers at Clemmons, N. C., and in the night hour while in prayer God spoke to me and said "Go to Thomasville, N. C." I said, "Lord, do you want me to go there?" He said, "Yes." I said, "Lord, I will go." I came here where God is giving us a wonderful revival. The power of the Holy Ghost is falling and souls are praying through. In the five services five have been saved, three sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost.

Aside from the preaching there have been messages given in tongues and the interpretation thereof, and last night we had three altar services before leaving the church, messages being at intervals with interpretations. Conviction took hold of the hearts of the people and they kept coming to the altar for prayer. The church is really on fire for God. Brother Lamb is a fine man, a good pastor and surely cares for his flock. May God continue to bless us here in the revival and the work of the Church and all of the churches and people whom we have met. We desire the prayers of the Evangel family.—A friend to all, Evangelist G. L. Jones, 202 Hadley St., Mt. Airy, N. C.

Symphonious Virtues

(In memory of Brother Chas. Holt, Atlanta, Ga.)

Only simple FAITH to believe,
Then you'll never fail to receive.

HOPE, though in a whisper spoken,
Mends those hearts that once were broken.

Now CHARITY is always kind,
'Tis good for body, soul, and mind.

MERCY mild shown to great and small,
Will ever prove to bless us all.

Though your battle be won or lost,
Have COURAGE true at any cost.

The earth may be gained through MEEKNESS,
Though foes scoff and call it weakness.

If TRUTH be spoken through the days,
Gain will be had in many ways.

Task attempted with proper ZEAL,
Will be well done and dreams made real.

KINDNESS given to the good and bad,
Will make hearts glad that once were sad.

JUSTICE measured to all alike,
Makes each one strive to do what's right.

LOYALTY without asking why,
Ready to live or ready to die.

CHASTITY of mind and soul,
Will help us quickly reach our goal.

BOLDNESS shown at the proper time,
Will conquer foes of every kind.

The SACRIFICE that causes us pain,
Finally proves to be our gain.

OBEDIENCE against our will,
Will selfish motives often kill.

Have HONESTY in every trade,
And greater profit will be made.

Strive for KNOWLEDGE to give the light,
Though you must toil in the night.

If often for WISDOM you pray,
Dangers you'll foresee down the way.

SINCERITY in every deed,
Though you are not taking the lead.

Have CONTENTMENT through the day,
Whether the sky be blue or gray.

PERSEVERANCE through the long fight,
Knowing that day comes after night.

LOVE to the small and to the great,
Forever giving love for hate.

—Martha L. Holt.

Obituaries

VAUGHN

On Jan. 3, 1938 the death angel visited the home of Sister Carrie Vaughn and claimed for its victim her precious husband, J. H. Vaughn. Brother Vaughn was about seventy years of age. He was ready to go. Pray for his loving wife.—One who loved him, Mrs. Mary L. Ming, Milan, Ga.

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MUIR

Mrs. Netta Muir was born Sept. 1, 1894 and departed this life Jan. 27, 1938. She had the Holy Ghost and was a member of the Church of God. Funeral services were conducted at the Church of God in Sesser, Ill. and her body laid to rest in the Maple cemetery.—Mrs. Nona Dame, officiating minister.

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SIMMS

Brother Charlie Simms departed this life Jan. 26, 1938. He was not a member of the Church of God but a real friend to the Church. He was saved.—Avery Lane, pastor, Sevierville, Tenn.

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McMAHAN

Brother Walter McMahan, one of our dear brothers, departed this life Jan. 26, 1938. He was clerk of our church here and will be greatly missed.—Avery Lane, pastor, Sevierville, Tenn.

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WILSON

Our precious Sister Verdel Wilson departed this life Jan. 25, 1938 near the age of twenty years. She was a member of the Church of God at Jena, La. Funeral services were conducted by our state overseer, Brother Clyde C. Cox, and she was laid to rest in the Jena cemetery.—Her leader who loved her, Mrs. F. W. Alexander.

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HUFFMAN

Mrs. D. W. Huffman of Fairmount, Pa. was born July 27, 1875 and departed this life Jan. 18, 1938, age sixty-two years, five months and twenty-three days. She was a member of the New Bethlehem Church of God. Funeral rites were conducted by her pastor, Brother Noble Stern, and her body laid to rest in the Mud Lick cemetery.—One who loved her dearly, Mrs. Noble Stern.

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STIDHAM

Our precious Brother Z. L. Stidham, age seventy-seven years, ten months. and eleven days, departed this life Jan. 21, 1938. He was a faithful member of the Church of God. The funeral services were held at San Angelo and he was laid to rest in the Sterling City cemetery.—Juanita Lee, Big Spring, Tex.

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HIGGS

Sister Mariah Higgs, age seventy-nine years, died Dec. 29, 1937. She was one of the first members of the Church of God in Key West, Fla. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Brother L. A. Ford, assisted by the Assembly of God pastor, Brother Stroud.—Written by one who loved her, Mrs. Victor H. Roberts, Key West, Fla.

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ST. CLAIR

Martha Louise St. Clair, age fourteen years, six months, departed this life Jan. 13, 1938 to be with Jesus. She was wonderfully saved during her illness.—Written by her aunt, Mrs. G. W. Baize, 702 Bell Ave., Dyersburg, Tenn.

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ALLBRITTON

My dear wife, Henrietta Allbritton, was born Nov. 11, 1886 and departed this life Dec. 31, 1937. She had been a member of the Church of God about twenty-three years. Please pray for me, it seems I can't bear it and my heart, it seems, is about to burst.—Her husband, M. E. Allbritton, Lakeland, Fla.

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BLANTON

My dear mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Blanton, went to be with Jesus Jan. 4, 1938. Mother was eighty-two years of age. She was a member of the Church of God and had the Holy Ghost.—A sister in Jesus, Mrs. Roy Vess, Box 51, Caroleen, N. C.

REVIVALS

We have just closed a two weeks' revival at Negro Creek Church of God with good success. Four were saved, three sanctified, one filled with Holy Ghost and the church greatly blessed. Praise the Lord for His blessings.

If anyone wants me to conduct a revival, you can get in touch with me at 143 Cotter Ave., Somerset, Ky. I am free to go anywhere and any time.—Your brother in Christ, Raymond Hughes.

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SHELBURN, Ind. — We have just closed a wonderful revival here. When we came here in October we found a happy band of people. After some time we began a revival which proved successful. A few weeks later the revival just closed broke out. Thirty-six were saved, a number sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost and twenty-two added to the church. Brother Fred Cummins was the evangelist. Our Sunday School is growing and the church seems to be progressing nicely. We covet your prayers that this will prove the best year for the Lord and His Church.—The pastor, Ancel Newton.

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FREEBURN, Ky. — We have just closed a very successful revival here. The Lord blessed in a great way. About fourteen were saved, nine sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, two baptized and eight added to the church. The Lord is still blessing in every service. If Sister Mary Denny reads this, let us know your address. We would like to have you for a meeting in the near future.—Your brother in Christ, Don Staten.

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LAWRENCEVILLE, Ill.—Brother R. H. Tadlock just closed a four weeks' meeting here with good success. Thirty were saved, fourteen sanctified, twenty-three baptized with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church. He is a booster for the church. He and Brother Hopewell went out in our little city and raised $70.00 on our parsonage, then he put the children out with Brother Hopewell and they raised $22.50 in one day with mountain removers. Pray for Lawrenceville.—Tony Ford, pastor.

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Want More of God in My Life

HOWARD, Kans. — Dear Evangel readers, I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. We live in a vicinity where no one believes in the Church of God or her doctrine. It makes it hard for us, especially on account of the children, as we want to raise them up in the way.

Recently we all had the measles. I was so sick, it seemed I had so many aches and pains I could not bear it much longer. After I had put the rest of the family to bed I fell on my knees to pray, but I was in so much misery I could hardly stay. I begged God to lift me up out of that thing that had come upon me and deliver me of it. That very instant I felt the pain leave my body and I got the first rest that night I had had for about seven days and nights. The next morning I began to break out with the measles and I knew God had delivered me as I had asked Him to.

I have never been in a Church of God service. All I know is what I read in the dear Evangel and what my brother tells me. It is what I want, I believe.

For years I have had a pain in my side but now it seems to get worse. It bothers me even when I lie down. Please pray for me. Pray for my eyes too, they are very bad, I am almost blind in the left eye.—One who believes but wants more, Mrs. Marion Nix, Rt. 3.